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Identical letters dated 14 August 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Yesterday, in the late night hours (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces invaded the Palestinian city of Jenin. Approximately 50 Israeli armoured vehicles, tanks, armoured bulldozers, protected by helicopter gunships, temporarily reoccupied the city for at least three hours. Israeli occupying forces invaded the city from five directions, destroying two checkpoints on their way to the centre of the city, where they encircled the Governor's House. Israeli tanks then fired at the police headquarters in Jenin, causing destruction to the building, which was then levelled by Israeli bulldozers.

This Israeli action represents another qualitative escalation in the bloody Israeli military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people since last September. The escalation indicates that the Israeli government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is acting with the mentality of occupation bent on dragging the whole region into confrontation and war. This government is responsible for war crimes and other atrocities that have already been committed against the Palestinian people and for which it should be held accountable.

We believe that the Security Council has the obligation to effectively and immediately intervene to put an end to the present tragic situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. We call upon the Council to meet and to take the necessary action in this regard in a speedy and prompt manner.

I am writing the present letter in follow-up to our previous 61 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 13 August 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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